

Preliminary Amendment
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matter should arise and entry of the preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

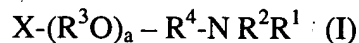


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Appendix 2 – Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims

1. (Amended) An agrochemical composition comprising an agrochemical active ingredient and an adjuvant of formula (I) [and] or salts thereof



wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently hydrogen or a lower alkyl group or a group $X'-(R^3O)_a-R^4-$

wherein R^3 and R^4 respectively may take any of the values of R^3 and R^4 as hereinafter defined

and wherein X' is $-OH$ or a lower alkoxy group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and a' is from 0 to 400

R^3O is an ethoxy, propoxy or butoxy group or a random or block mixture thereof,

R^4 is a linear or branched chain alkylene bridging group containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, X is

(IA) $-OH$ or a lower alkoxy group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or X is

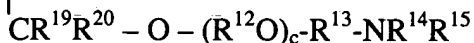
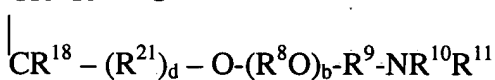
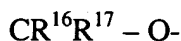
(IB) a group R^5R^6N- or $R^5R^6N-R^7-$

wherein R^5 or R^6 are independently hydrogen or a lower alkyl group or a group $X'-(R^3O)_a-R^4-$ as hereinbefore defined wherein X' is $-OH$ or a lower alkoxy group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

and R^7 is a linear or branched chain alkylene bridging group containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms

or X is

(IC) a group



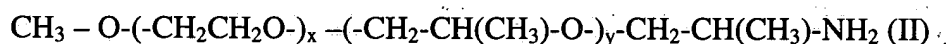
wherein R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{14} and R^{15} are independently hydrogen or a lower alkyl group or a group X' - $(R^3O)_a-R^4$ - as hereinbefore defined wherein X' is -OH or a lower alkoxy group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

and R^8 and R^{12} are independently alkyl groups containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and R^9 , R^{13} and R^{21} are independently a linear or branched chain alkylene bridging group containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , R^{19} and R^{20} are independently hydrogen or a lower alkyl group and d is 0 or 1

and wherein a, is from 1 to 400 or if X is of formula IC, the sum of a, b and c is from 3 to 400.

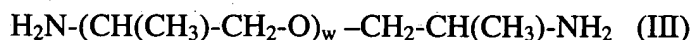
3. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein a is from 1 to 50 or if X is of formula IC or IC' respectively, the sum of a, b and c is from 3 to 90 and wherein in the group X' - $(R^3O)_a-R^4$ - if present, a' is from 0 to 50.

4. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the adjuvant of formula (I) is an alkoxyated monoamine, having the formula II



wherein the average degree of ethoxylation (x) is from 0 to about 45 and the average degree of propoxylation (y) is from 0 to about 90 provided that x and y are not both 0 at the same time.

6. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (I) is a diamine having a formula [(II)] (III)



wherein w is an average of from about 1 to about 80.

11. (Amended) A composition according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the proportion of adjuvant of formula (I) or salt thereof to the agrochemical active ingredient is from 1:20 to 3:1 by weight.

12. (Amended) A composition according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the adjuvant of formula (I) [in claim 1] or salt thereof is used in combination with an alkylpolyglycoside surfactant.
14. (Amended) A composition according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the agrochemical active ingredient is a salt of glyphosate, a salt of fomesafen or a parquat salt.
15. (Amended) A composition according to [any of claims 1 to 13] claim 1 wherein the adjuvant of formula (I) [in claim 1] is used in the form of a salt with glyphosate or a salt with an acidic surfactant.
17. (Amended) A composition according to [any of claims 1 to 15] claim 1 which is an aqueous composition containing from 0.01% to 90% by weight of the agrochemical active ingredient.
18. (New) A composition according to claim 2 wherein a is from 1 to 50 or if X is of formula IC or IC' respectively, the sum of a, b and c is from 3 to 90 and wherein in the group $X'-(R^3O)_a-$ R^4 - if present, a' is from 0 to 50.